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SUBJECT: KOREAN COAL DELEGATION VISIT

REF: STATE 100873 ✓

1. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MET 4/21 WITH MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES (MER) YOON, S.K., DIRECTOR GENERAL OF COAL BUREAU TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF REFTTEL, AND ASK FOR YOON'S ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING/COORDINATION COAL DELEGATION VISIT.

2. YOON PROPOSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTTEL BY MIDDLE OF WEEK OF 4/21. YOON, HOWEVER, (AS WELL AS MER MINISTER YANG) WERE CALLED AWAY TO ASSIST IN THE SETTLEMENT OF A LARGE LABOR DISTURBANCE AT AN IMPORTANT KOREAN COAL MINING AREA. YOON IS BELIEVED TO BE BACK IN SEOUL NOW, AND PRESUMABLY IS WORKING ON PLANNING DELEGATION'S TRIP.

3. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOON IN 4/21 MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY ROKG OFFICIAL (PERHAPS YOON HIMSELF, ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS LESS LIKELY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE LABOR DISTURBANCE) AND WILL
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INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF KECO, OSROK, DAIHAN COAL CORP., PRIVATE COMPANIES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY DEALT WITH PENNSYLVANIA COAL SUPPLIERS, AND SPECIALIZED KOREAN INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTES.

4. DELEGATION WOULD EXPECT TO BE IN THE U.S. FOR BETWEEN TWO AND THREE WEEKS, WITH INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES PERHAPS STAYING A WHILE LONGER.

5. THE DELEGATION IS INTERESTED IN U.S. RESOURCES OF ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL, AS WELL AS COAL TECHNOLOGY. IN REGARD TO THIS LAST FIELD OF INTEREST, EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT MR. LEONARD I. KOPEIKIN, DIRECTOR OF COAL PROGRAMS, BOEING ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION, SEATTLE WASHINGTON (TEL. 206-655-2121) HAS VISITED KOREA SEVERAL TIMES TO DISCUSS A COAL SLURRY PIPELINE PROJECT. DEPT. PLZ INFORM MR. KOPEIKIN OF THE ROK COAL DELEGATION VISIT, AND INQUIRE WHETHER HE WOULD

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LIKE TO MEET WITH THE DELEGATION IF THEIR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

6. DEPT. PLZ. ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP OF THE AVAILABILITY OF LT. GOVERNOR SCRANTON TO MEET WITH DELEGATION.

BASED ON SIGNALS FROM YOON, THE DELEGATION CONSIDERS A MEETING WITH THE LT. GOVERNOR TO BE ONE OF THEIR MORE HIGHLY DESIRED OBJECTIVES.

7. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. GLEYSTEN

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